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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6820

BILL NUMBER: SB 437

NOTE PREPARED: Feb 19, 2009

BILL AMENDED: Feb 12, 2009

SUBJECT: Coverage for Cancer Chemotherapy.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Becker

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Welch

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) Beginning January 1, 2010, the bill requires certain policies of accident and sickness insurance and health maintenance organization contracts to provide certain coverage for orally administered cancer chemotherapy.

Effective Date: July 1, 2009.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) The bill does not affect state employee health plans because the state health insurance mandates do not apply to state employee self-insured plans.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: (Revised) The type of coverage that is provided by all school corporations and local governments is unknown. The bill pertains to units that are already providing coverage for cancer chemotherapy that is administered intravenously or by injection. For these units, if the medical specialist determines that orally administered cancer chemotherapy is more favorable to the insured, than the unit must provide coverage that allows for oral administration. Orally administered cancer chemotherapy is less expensive to the extent that it is generally less expensive to administer.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Potentially all.

Information Sources:

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